(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Collapse of Mandovi bridge in Goa

1394. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) at what stage the enquiry has reached in the collapse of the span of Mandovi Bridge in Goa constructed by U.P. Bridge Corporation;

(b) whose responsibility is it to remove the collapsed span from the river bed and whether the controversy regarding removal of fallen span, the bridge work is pending; and

(c) by when this new bridge will be ready for use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The one man Enquiry Commission investigating the cause of the collapse of the span of Mandovi, Bridge is yet to submit its report.

(b) It is the responsibility of M/s. U.P. State Bridge Corporation who are the contractors for constructing this bridge, to remove the debris of the fallen span and truss from the river bed. The work of construction of the bridge is however in progress.

(c) The bridge is expected to be completed by June, 1992.

देश में दंगे

1395. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 15.11.90 से 15.8.91 तक की अवधि के दौरान देश में कितने दंगे हुए; और

(ख) इन दंगों में कितने व्यक्ति मारे गए?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. एम. जैकब): (क) और (ख) राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रशासनों से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

S.T.D. facility for towns in Orissa

1396. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide S.T.D. facility to some towns in Orissa during the financial year 1991-92;

(b) if so, the names of the towns selected therefor; and

(c) the towns in other States which are likely to be provided STD facilities in the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to provide S.T.D. facility to 45 stations, namely

Rajnilgiri, Remuna, Udala, Rairangpur, Karanjia, Chandbali, Badmal Kantabanji, Patnagarh, Sonepur, Athgarh Banki, Dhanmandal, Jagatsingpur, Jajpur Town, Salepur, Athmalik Anandapur, Palaspanga, Champua Hindol, Bhanjanagar, Digapahandi Parlakhemundi, Dharamgarh, Malkangiri, Umerkote, Baliguda, Boudh Konark, Sakhigopal, Bamra, Barpali Belpahar, Brajarajnagar, Kuchinda Padmapur, Rairakhol, Bonaigarh, Birmitrapur, Rajganipur, Pattamundai Joda, Kesinga and Hinjilicut.

(c) State-wise List of towns (other than Orissa) is placed at Statement [*See* Appendiv 160, Annexure No. 52)

Prosecution of Burmese boys for Hijacking the Plane

1397. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply given to Unstarred Question 42 on 6th March, 1991 in the Rajya Sabha:

and state the present stage of trial and the condition, place and situation in which the young boys are put up in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): The two Myanmar students have been undergoing trial in the Court of SDJM Barrackpore, Wesh Bengal. They were released on bail on February 12, 1991 by the Court. Bail was granted on the condition that they would not leave India without prior permission of the Court. They have been staying with a friond in Calcutta, and have also visited Delhi since their release on bail.

Indo-Pak Relations

1398. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan is assisting terrorist activities in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the matter with the Pakistan Government; and

(c) Keeping in view the spurt in separatist activities whether Government propose to discontinue its diplomatic relations with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have conveyed to Pakistan on several occasions that its support to terrorism and subversion is a violation of the Simla Agreement and universally accepted norms of inter-State conduct, and is unacceptable.

(c) while no such proposal is under consideration, Government hope that Pakistan will realise the shortsightedness of its policies, abandon its negatve approach and, instead, join India in working for normalisation of relations between the two countries.

Independence day in Kashmir and Punjab

1399. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 114 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in large parts of Kashmir and Punjab, Independence Day was observed as black day; and

(b) if so, what precautionary steps were taken by Government against such secessionist activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Independence day was duly observed in Kashmir and punjab. However, in some isolated places near Srinagar in Kashmir, some terrorists held armed parades and hoisted pakistani Flags on 14th August which were promptly removed by Security Forces. In Punjab, the call for two day bandh on 14th and 15th August, was given by a section of the people which evoked poor to partial response in various parts of the State.

Security Forces were alert to tackle any untoward incident.

महाराष्ट्र में डाकघरों, तारघरों और टेलीफोन केंद्रों का खोला जाना

1400. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1991–92 वर्ष के दौरान महाराष्ट्र में जिला-वार कितने-कितने डाकघर, तारघर और टेलीफोन केंद्र खोले जाने का विचार है;